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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the press communiqué of the last meeting between President dos Santos and Mr. Savimbi at Libreville, Gabon, dated 1 March 1996.

I kindly request that this communiqué be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Josefa CRUZ
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Annex

Press communiqué issued at Libreville on 1 March 1996

1. On 1 March 1996, a meeting took place in Libreville, Gabon, between the President of the Republic of Angola, His Excellency Jose Eduardo dos Santos, and the President of the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA), His Excellency Jonas M. Savimbi, under the auspices of His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of the Republic of Gabon. The objective of the meeting was to make an assessment of the status of the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol.

2. The meeting was held amid a climate of total understanding and cordiality. They discussed in detail recent developments regarding the Angolan peace process and its current issues, and reviewed the commitments made in previous meetings, particularly in the Franceville meeting. They also made a statement about the immediate future of the country.

3. As a result of these discussions, they decided to adopt a series of measures to accelerate the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol, in order to achieve real peace and national reconciliation as well as stability in the country.

4. Therefore, they agreed to conclude the process of the formation of the Angolan Armed Forces by June 1996, and to form a Government of National Unity and Reconciliation between June and July 1996. To that effect, UNITA submitted a list with the names of its officials.

5. It was agreed that the next meeting between the President of the Republic and the President of UNITA would take place in Angola, keeping in mind, however, the willingness of the Republic of Gabon in hosting future meetings.

6. The President of the Republic of Angola and the President of UNITA expressed their appreciation for the efforts made by the United Nations in the person of His Excellency Mr. Alioun Blondin Beye, Special Representative of the Secretary-General; by the troika of countries observers of the peace process; and by the international community in general, towards reconciliation and stability in Angola.

7. The President of the Republic of Angola and the President of UNITA expressed their deep gratitude to the President of the Republic of Gabon for his hospitality and his permanent willingness to assist them, providing the material and technical means that made this meeting successful.